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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 16, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 17:

Line 10, please delete "buyer's" and substitute --buyers-- therefor.

Page 21:

Line 6, please delete "out on a clothesline for all sellers" and substitute --on a clothesline" for sellers-- therefor.

Page 27:

Line 3, after "comprises", please insert --one or more--.